

MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
March 4, 2016

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on March 4, 2016 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 50 Service Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: William Finelli; Daniel Beardsley; Andrew Marcaccio and Amy Crane.

Also in attendance were: Michael Robinson, General Counsel; Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor; Gayle Mambro-Martin and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

CALL TO ORDER

Recognizing a quorum, Chairperson William Finelli called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

A draft of the February 5, 2016 meeting minutes were mailed to the Committee members for review, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Marcaccio, it was:

VOTED To approve the meeting minutes of February 5, 2016.

HEARINGS

Timothy Koback	Firefighter, City of Woonsocket. (estimated service credits 16 years, 8 months)
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After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Crane and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a decision on Mr. Koback's application for an accidental disability pension.

Lysa O'Donnell Community Living Aide, BHDDH – RICLAS. .
(Estimated service credits 14 years, 9 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Marcaccio:

VOTED: To **overturn** the decision of November 10, 2015 denying Ms. O'Donnell's application for an accidental disability pension and to recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. O'Donnell's application for an accidental disability retirement pursuant to Rhode Island General Law § 36-10-15 (b) for 50 % of her compensation at the time of her retirement.

Jennifer Coccia Teacher Assistant Special Education, Johnston Public Schools. (Estimated service credits 9 years, 11 months)

Prior to voting Mr. Finelli turned the Chair over to Mr. Beardsley.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Finelli and seconded by Ms. Crane:

VOTED: To **overturn** the decision of November 10, 2015 denying Ms. Coccia's application for an accidental disability pension and to recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Coccia's application for an accidental disability retirement. Mr. Beardsley and Mr. Marcaccio voted Yes.

Jennifer Coccia Teacher Assistant Special Education, Johnston Public Schools. (Estimated service credits 9 years, 11 months) **Ordinary**

No action taken.

ACCIDENTAL MATTER PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

Robert Carpenter

Superintendent of State Piers, Department of Environmental Management. (Estimated service credits 19 years, 3 months, 17 days)

No affirmative findings were made by the Committee. **Denial Stands.**

ORDINARY MATTER PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

Elizabeth Nogueira Liptak

Teacher, Newport Public Schools. (Estimated service credits 22 years)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Marcaccio:

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Liptak's application for an ordinary disability retirement.

ACCIDENTAL - NEW

Steven Souza

Janitor, BHDDH – ESH. (Estimated service credits 1 year, 4 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Crane and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Souza's application for an accidental disability retirement pursuant to Rhode Island General Law § 36-10-15 (b) for 50 % of his compensation at the time of his retirement.

Charles Karboski

Emergency Service Technician, Town of Lincoln Fire Department. (Estimated service credits 9 years, 7 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Crane and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a decision on Mr. Karboski's application for an accidental disability retirement.

Thomas Bowen Deputy Sheriff, RI Division of Sheriffs. . (Estimated service credits 16 years, 2 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Crane and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Bowen's application for an accidental disability retirement pursuant to Rhode Island General Law § 36-10-15 (b) for 50 % of his compensation at the time of his retirement.

Richard Delbonis Firefighter, City of Cranston Fire Department.
(Estimated service credits 22 years, 4 months, 20 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Ms. Crane:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** Mr. Delbonis' application for an accidental disability retirement.

ORDINARY – NEW

Amy DiFilippo Administrative Officer, Health Department.
(Estimated service credits 13 years, 7 months, 3 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Crane and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. DiFilippo's application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Kristin Conville Mediation Counselor, Judiciary – Family Court.
(Estimated service credits 25 years, 7 months, 10 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Crane and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Conville's application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Kim Matteo Child Support Administrative Officer, Child Support Administrative Office. (Estimated service credits 23 years, 6 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Crane and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Matteo's application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Cherylann Leaver Teacher – Guidance Counselor, South Kingstown. (Estimated service credits 17 years 6 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Crane and seconded by Mr. Marcaccio:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** Ms. Leaver's application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Agenda None

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Crane and seconded by Mr. Marcaccio it was unanimously:

VOTED To adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle C. Mambro-Martin, Esq.
GCM: gsb

March 30, 2016

